

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit for
A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company in Decatur

A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) issue a construction permit for a new Xanthan Gum facility at its plant located at 2200 East Eldorado Street in Decatur. Xanthan gum is a natural gum that is commonly added to a variety of commercial food products as a stabilizer. The plant is a source of emissions due to the solvents needed to purify the raw xanthan feedstock. The project is not considered a major modification as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permits, New). These documents and the application can also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 S. First Street in Champaign, 217/278-5800 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project. Comments must be postmarked by midnight February 20, 2004. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.